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LABOUR PARTY DECIDES MENZIES SHOULD REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA IN VIEW OF GRAVE WAR SITUATION BUT NAVY MINISTER SAYS THE PREMIER'S PLACE IS IN LONDON

Arrangements For Commonwealth Representation In England

THE LABOUR PARTY HAS DECIDED, IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE WAR SITUATION AS AFFECTING AUSTRALIA, THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER (MR. R. G. MENZIES) TO REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA FOR DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION OF THE TOTAL WAR EFFORT, says a Reuter report from Melbourne.

It was resolved that arrangements will be made with the British Government for a Commonwealth representation in England to ensure that the Australian viewpoint on war policy is constantly before the British War Cabinet.

There were only three dissentients in Labour's decision. THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES, AT A MEETING, ENDORSED THE UNANIMOUS CABINET PROPOSAL THAT MR. MENZIES SHOULD DEPART FOR LONDON.

It is considered likely that the Labour resolution will force the Government to seek a representation in London in addition to Mr. Stanley Bruce, High Commissioner, despite Mr. Menzies' view that a representation other than a Prime Ministerial representation is useless.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S SON'S TRIBUTE TO PREMIER: "FOREIGN POWER WILL FORCE US INTO WAR"

CAPTAIN ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, second son of the United States President, told a Press conference in London that he was here on a mission connected with the United States Air Force. He expects to be in London until the middle of next week, says Reuter.

Asked whether the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting had brought the war closer to the United States, he said: "Maybe it won't be the United States, but some foreign Power which will force us into war."

He believed that United States ships would defend themselves if they were attacked.

"There is very great confidence throughout all the branches of the United States services in Britain's ultimate success," he declared.

Referring to the feeling in some parts of America that since Russia had entered the war, both Britain and America had slowed down in production, possibly owing to a feeling of complacency, he said, "I have not found that as marked as I had been given to expect."

He told the conference that he was, present at the Churchill-Roosevelt Atlantic meeting which "afforded both statesmen the opportunity to arrive at a complete understanding of each other's minds and how they worked, and to facilitate their discussions in future."

"I do not know if they will be meeting again soon."

THE LABOUR LEADER, MR. J. CURTIN declared in the House of Representatives in Canberra that in view of all that Australia has done, Britain could accept such London representation as Australia deems suitable.

Mr. Curtin stated that while confident of the outcome of the war, the Empire was now as badly off as ever since the French collapse.

War exigencies necessitated the Australian Prime Minister staying in Australia to look after the administration.

They should face war facts as realists and draw all possible lessons from the past and shape the course accordingly. "It is sheer illusion to assume at this juncture that the struggle in North Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and the Pacific, is assuming such a character as to portend favourably for the Empire."

"The Australian Prime Minister has such work at the present juncture in Australia that a London representation must be other than a Prime Ministerial representation."

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Japan "Positively Cannot Remain Indifferent To Passage Of War Supplies"

TOKYO, Aug. 21 (Reuter)—Japan "positively cannot remain indifferent" to the passage of ships with war supplies through waters so close to Japan, says the KOKUMIN SHIMBUN commenting on the dispatch of United States oil to Vladivostok.

The paper urges the Government to take "firm measures" to prevent a disturbance of the peace in the Far East.

Though admitting that aid to Russia is apparently designed to

strengthen the Soviet resistance to the Germans in Eastern Europe, the Kokumin Shimbun fears that the British and American aid will result in spreading the European hostilities to the Far East.

The paper emphasises that ships going to Vladivostok must pass by one of the three routes, firstly, the Tsugaru Straits between Hokkaido and the main island of Japan; secondly, by the Soya Straits between Hokkaido and Saghalien; and, thirdly, by the Tushima Straits between Japan and Korea.

The passage through all these routes is very close to Japan.

The journal stresses, especially that the Soya and the Tsugaru Straits are the most direct routes to Vladivostok from the United States though it is planned to open a new route through the Straits of Tartary.

MAY STOP LIVE STOCK SHIPMENTS TO HONGKONG

An unconfirmed report, but originating from a reliable source, states that the Governor of Kwangchowwan intends stopping all live stock shipments to Hongkong in retaliation for Hongkong's gasoline export ban to that port.

It is suggested that a cable has already been sent to the local authorities to this effect.

Gasoline shortage is very acute in Kwangchowwan.

KWONGCHOWWAN DIFFICULTIES

According to information received from Kwongchowwan, a high ranking Government civilian employee arrived there from Hongkong to replace the Commissioner of Police in duties as Controller of Harbour movements. It is said that such a move is due to difficulties recently caused by the Japanese.

"WE HAVE NOT A SHADOW OF DOUBT AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR": PREMIER OF CANADA ENJOYED HIS FLIGHT

LONDON, Aug. 21 (Reuter)—MR. MACKENZIE KING, THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, arrived in London yesterday morning and was met by LORD CRANBORNE (the Dominions Secretary), SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR (the Air Minister) and representatives of the Canadian Government.

Later in the day, Mr. Mackenzie King attended a meeting of the War Cabinet. The Canadian Premier in a statement, said:

"WE HAVE NOT A SHADOW OF DOUBT AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR. IT WILL BE WON BY THE GREAT BRAVE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN. THERE IS ONLY ONE MIND IN CANADA—THAT IS, TO DO ALL WE CAN HELP WINNING THE WAR."

"Canada is at the side of Britain to the utmost of her strength in resources, both material and human."

"We are proud beyond words of the British people and what they have done to maintain the standards of liberty in the world."

Mr. King added that his stay in Britain would not be long.

Referring to his flight across the Atlantic in a trans-oceanic plane, he said:

"I have never enjoyed anything so much. It was my first flight and I have never seen anything in the world so beautiful as the sky. I will fly anywhere after crossing the Atlantic. Really, it is a revelation."

MR. KING'S MESSAGE

"Please tell Great Britain that Canada is with the Empire heart and soul for winning the war and will not spare any effort that is necessary to ensure victory."

This message was given by the

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Push On Gornel May Be A New Approach To Moscow

Broadcasting a commentary on the Russo-German war from London last night, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY said that a new name had appeared in both the German and Russian communiques. It was Gornel, an important railway junction about half-way between Smolensk and Kiev. The German attempt to envelop Kiev had not developed too well.

Major Murray said he thought this new push on Gornel may be an attempt to come round behind Kiev from the north. Gornel was situated in fairly marshy country and this was worth remembering.

The move was also an indication of a new approach to Moscow and a German advance in this direction would be of benefit to them for it would broaden the salient in the Smolensk area.

The Germans had admitted, however, that they were having a lot of trouble with their communications and were using any kind of makeshift for transport. It was a pretty big job to supply millions of troops on a 1,500-mile

front from the air. The Germans were also apparently preparing for a winter campaign and constructions were under way for housing the armies.

Major Murray said that he could not say anything definite about the Ukraine yet. The Germans were still reticent regarding claims and this added weight to the hope that Marshal Budenny had withdrawn his troops successfully.

GUERRILLA TACTICS

Presumably whatever troops were left behind, would begin to worry the Germans with guerrilla tactics when they had already done so successfully elsewhere.

The part of the Ukraine which the Germans had over-run was known as the black earth belt and when they crossed the Dnieper to the eastern bank they would enter the industrial and agricultural centre of the Ukraine. As one correspondent had stated: on the west of the Dnieper was the sickle and, on the east, the hammer and the sickle.

The Russians would stop at no sacrifice to prevent a German invasion of the eastern area of the Ukraine.

Hitler Cares Nothing For Japan

The most outspoken Japanese comment yet made appeared in the Japanese-owned SINGAPORE HERALD yesterday, (says Reuter) as follows:—

"Hitler cares nothing for Japan except the use he can make of her to further his ambitions. Nothing will happen to her if Japan plays her cards skilfully."

Large Scale German Military Movements In Bulgaria

Large scale German military movements in BULGARIA have begun, states Reuter Bulletin. Advance units of two German infantry divisions have arrived in the south in the past few days.

They are fresh troops, newly uniformed and well disciplined and thought to have come from the interior of Germany.

These troops were accompanied by a considerable number of air force ground crews.

There are also reports that the Italians have moved troops into EASTERN THRACE and to the AEGEAN ISLANDS, off TURKEY. Ten to fifteen-thousand Italian troops have been landed on the ISLAND OF SAMOS.

Thais Told To Prepare

BANGKOK, Aug. 22 (Reuter)—The Bangkok Radio last night counselled the Thais to prepare themselves for any possible eventuality while the country was still at peace.

The speaker emphasised that there was no change in the situation. Thailand was not faced with any danger of attack and deprecated any attempts to sensationalise precautionary advice, but nevertheless, urged the public to be prepared with shelters, dug-outs, black-out accessories and to study the methods of dealing with incendiary bombs.

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Iran Refuses To Admit Any Potential Danger From Presence Of Nazis

PESHAWAR, Aug. 21 (Reuter)—While the official Iranian reply to the latest Anglo-Russian demarche is not known, it is rumoured here that Iran still refuses to admit any potential danger from the presence of Germans in the country.

The Iranian Press and Radio continue the loud affirmations of Iran's neutrality and also refer to the cordial relations with the belligerents and her neighbours.

An expert on the frontier, referring to Iran, said that the Germans there are the "anaesthetist" before the surgeon comes along to perform the operation.

Referring to a report to the German demand for air bases and fuel supplies in Iran, the expert said that if the report was true, there is all the more reason for the Shah's Government to expel German tourists. With arrangements for fuel supplies in Iran, enemy planes from the base at Rhodes could reach India's western boundaries in two hops in less than 12 hours.

U.S. WAR PLANES AT BANGKOK

ROME, Aug. 21 (Reuter)—Twenty war planes have arrived at Bangkok according to a Tokyo message reported by the Rome Radio.

They were delivered by the American Government, having been ordered by Thailand last year.

The present situation seems to have reached a delicate

Rumanians Undergoing Seven Meatless Days

ZURICH, Aug. 21 (Reuter)—Train-loads of wounded, and planes bringing the severely wounded, are arriving in Bucharest daily, writes the Bucharest correspondent of the NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG.

The newspapers began a few days ago to publish the lists of killed.

Prices are rising enormously. Owing to livestock reductions, the Rumanians are undergoing seven meatless days weekly.

The Russian "scorched earth" destruction in Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina are far greater than originally estimated.

They not only extend to most of the important towns but also many villages where the Rumanians have removed

the livestock and all agricultural implements.

Since the Rumanian occupation of Kishinev, it is frequently bombed by Russian aircraft.

The Rumanians burnt all the mills and largely destroyed all the electricity works and tobacco factories in the former Rumanian territory, before evacuating.

HONOUR DIPLOMA EXAM. RESULTS OF SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY AND COMMERCE

The first examinations of the School of Accountancy and Commerce for its Honour Diploma were held during the three days in Aug. 13-15. Altogether papers on 11 commercial subjects were set and a very high standard was attained by candidates generally.

The best results were returned by Miss Cynthia Shim who secured distinction in nine subjects. Miss Annie Lee came second with distinction in seven.

PASS LIST

The following is the Pass List:—
Bookkeeping (Intermediate):—
Lok King Wah.
Bookkeeping (Elementary):—
Miss Annie Lee (Distinction), Miss Cynthia Shim (Distinction), Miss Li Yuen Yew (Distinction), Miss Margaret Wang (Distinction), Lambert Phoon, Wong Yick Leung, Jose Alberto Garcia.
Speedwriting (Elementary):—
Miss Annie Lee (Distinction), Miss Cynthia Shim (Distinction), Jose Alberto Garcia (Distinction), Miss Emily Sham, Tan Shu Hang, Wong Yick Leung, Hankie Lam, Alfredo Britto, Lambert Phoon, Anthony Tan, Miss Victoria Flores, Miss Lily Tong, Miss Millyam Chan, Miss Margaret Wang.
Business Administration (Elementary):—
Miss Annie Lee (Distinction), Miss Emily Sham (Distinction), Jose Alberto Garcia (Distinction), Miss Cynthia Shim (Distinction), Lambert Phoon (Distinction), Wong Yick Leung, Miss Millyam Chan, Miss Margaret Wang, Lok King Wah, Miss Lily Tong, Miss Victoria Flores, Anthony Tan, Hankie Lam.
Elementary Economics:—
Miss Cynthia Shim (Distinction), Miss Emily Sham (Distinction), Miss Victoria Flores (Distinction), Miss Annie Lee (Distinction), Tang Shu Hang, Jose Alberto Garcia, Miss Millyam Chan, Wong Yick Leung, Anthony Tan, Miss Lily Tong.
Typewriting (Elementary):—
Lambert Phoon (Distinction), Miss Cynthia Shim (Distinction), Miss Annie Lee (Distinction), Tang Shu Hang, Wong Yick Leung, Miss Emily Sham, Hankie Lam.
Business English:—
Miss Cynthia Shim (Distinction), Miss Li Yuen Yew (Distinction), Jose Alberto Garcia, Miss Annie Lee, Miss Victoria Flores, Miss Emily Sham, Anthony Tan, Alfredo Britto.
Business Correspondence:—
Miss Annie Lee (Distinction), Miss Li Yuen Yew (Distinction), Hankie Lam, Jose Alberto Garcia, Wong Yick Leung, Miss Lily Tong, Miss Millyam Chan, Miss Margaret Wang, Tang Shu Hang, Miss Victoria Flores.
Card-indexing & Filing:—
Miss Cynthia Shim (Distinction), Miss Emily Sham (Distinction), Wong Yick Leung (Distinction), Miss

SCREEN STAR



Jessie Matthews, British stage and screen star, sings in the BRC's short wave service one of the songs she has made popular. Miss Matthews is frequently heard in both the home and overseas programmes of the BRC.

LEAGUE TENNIS

C.B.A. Overwhelmed By Chinese R.C.

On the home courts at Causeway Bay yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club overwhelmed Central British Association in the Fourth Division of the Tennis League clinching all nine sets. K. M. Wong and Lu Tik-lam (C.R.C.) beat D. T. Smith and D. Tomashevsky 6-2; beat A. Talbot and N. L. Smith 6-3; beat B. I. Bickford and N. B. M. Whitley 6-4. P. F. Choy and C. N. Tsang (C.R.C.) beat Smith and Tomashevsky 6-3; beat Talbot and Smith 6-3; beat Bickford and Whitley 6-3. Chan Yin and Y. W. Chung (C.R.C.) beat Smith and Tomashevsky 6-4; beat Talbot and Smith 6-1; beat Bickford and Whitley 6-1.

JEWISH R.C. LOSE

At Caroline Hill, Postal Recreation Club (2) defeated Jewish Recreation Club by 5½ sets to 3½.

J. Howlett and W. M. Morrison (P.O.R.C.) beat Dr. S. Ramler and B. Godkin 6-3; beat A. Pollak and M. Talan 6-3; beat E. Whitgob and A. Odell 6-2.

A. G. MacPherson and Y. S. Fung (P.O.R.C.) beat Ramler and Godkin 6-4; drew with Pollak and Talan 6-6; beat Whitgob and Odell 6-3.

S. K. Chin and C. C. Lam (P.O.R.C.) lost to Ramler and Godkin 0-6; lost to Pollak and Talan 0-6; lost to Whitgob and Odell 5-7.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BASKETBALL.—Bank Union v. Ping Ching; Yu Leung v. Police. At Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

TOMORROW

BASKETBALL.—Trojans v. Sing Tao; Chinese "Y" v. Black Cats. At Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.
LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Civil Service v. Recreio, "A". Craigengower v. Indian R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B". Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A". Recreio "B" v. Kowloon Docks R.C. Second Division: Recreio v. Kowloon C.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Craigengower, Kowloon Tong v. Kowloon F.C., Prison O.C. v. Talkoo R.C. Third Division: Craigengower v. Hongkong F.C., Kowloon B.G.C. v. Police R.C., Kowloon F.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Indian R.C. v. Hongkong Electric.

MALAYAN TEACHERS CONFERENCE IN 1942

Mr. H. B. Cheeseman, deputy Director of Education, S.S. and F.M.S., was the principal speaker at a tea party held recently at the Hotel Majestic by the Teachers' Association of Perak.

The function was part of the programme of the Malayan Teachers' Federation meeting being held in Ipoh, and the distinguished gathering at the party included H.E. the Sultan of Perak and Y.T.M. the Raja Muda.

In the course of his address Mr. Cheeseman recounted the aims, objects and aspiration of the recently formed Malayan Teachers' Federation.

He outlined certain of its achievements since its inauguration in 1939 and said that a conference of the Malayan Teachers was being called in 1942 for the first time in the history of the country.

NOW RECOGNISED

The "Chorus" he said was now recognised as the official journal of the teachers.

He pleaded for closer collaboration between teachers of English schools and the teachers of vernacular schools, and said that the former had much to learn from the latter.

"By virtue of its position," concluded Mr. Cheeseman, "the Malayan Teachers' Federation should

FREDDIE DIXON, DEMON DRIVER, BANNED FOR LIFE

"Tough Guy" Freddie Dixon, one of the greatest racing motorists of all time, will not drive again.

Another unhappy chapter in his life began recently, when he was sent to prison for four months, and disqualified from driving for life, for driving while under the influence of drink.

Those of us who can claim to be Freddie's friends are deeply conscious of the tragedy of the eclipse of a great sportsman.

TERRIBLE CRASHES

He survived a number of terrible crashes. His injuries had a cumulative effect.

He began as the "Demon Motor Cyclist." He was the idol of schoolboys.

Then he shifted to light cars, and was known as a wizard at tuning, as well as a driver of flashing brilliance.

At one period he could hand-tune cars to beat supercharged "specials" of the same type. He was supposed to have some wonderful secret.

SPEED ATTEMPTS

When challenged, he said he had no secret, except that he patiently went over every part of the machine.

He twice went after the world speed record. He bought Kaye Don's 2,000-h.p. Sunbeam, but soon gave that up.

Then he designed the "Dart," a very "light job" with the engine in the middle and himself in the nose. But he did not get far with that.

Freddie is a stocky little man with a disarming grin and a mischievous sense of humour.

102 Games In Five Sets!

BROOKLYN, Massachusetts, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—The longest marathon match in the history of American national lawn tennis championships was played yesterday when Bryan Grant, small but tenacious Davis Cup player, and Russell Bobbit, of Atlanta, beat Edwin Amark and Robin Hippingstiel of California after four hours, the score being 14-12, 15-17, 6-4, 4-6, 13-11.

Grant twisted his ankle in the second set but pluckily continued.

Attractive Football Programme

LONDON, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—An attractive programme of international and representative matches has been arranged by the Football Association, and the Red Cross should receive substantial funds from the proceeds.

Seventeen matches have been arranged, including meetings between full international sides of England and Scotland at Wembley and Hampden Park, and two matches between England and Wales.

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OPEN PAIRS

In the Open Pairs of the Colony lawn bowls championship, D. A. Renard and J. S. Landolt beat A. E. P. Guist and T. A. Madar by 20 shots to 17 on the Civil Service C.C. green yesterday.

CHURCH BAZAAR TOMORROW

St. Paul's Celebrates 30th Anniversary

In commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the St. Paul's Church in 1911, a bazaar will be held to mark the occasion in the St. Paul's College campus and the lawn in the Bishop's House on Saturday at 10 a.m. Dr. Y.L. Lee, President of the Lin Nan University has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony.

It is understood that a number of stalls containing various things for daily use, estables and toys etc., will be put up by the Church members, and a full programme of amusement and entertainments will also be catered for.

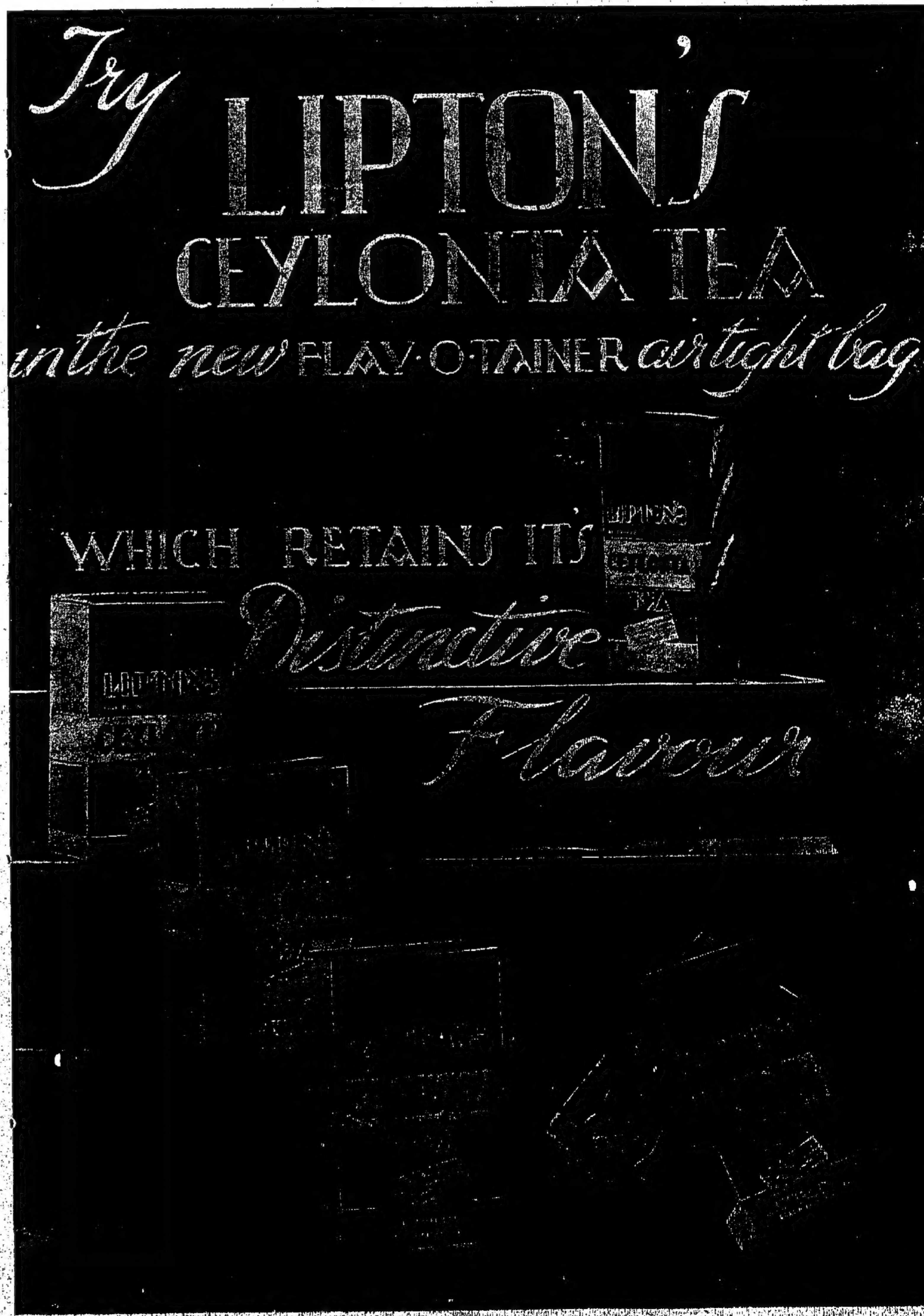
Although the activity of this church is too numerous to permit of a full account of it, mention may be made that it concentrates on social and charitable works, both local and outports, beside religion which is the main object of every church.

However, the wider the scope of activity, the more will be the expenses, hence a bazaar is thus being organized to meet the purpose. It is sincerely hoped that this will receive the whole-hearted support of the general public and make a success of it.

"ALLIED OLYMPICS" ON SATURDAY

LONDON, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—Special "vee" emblems will be distributed among spectators at the minor "Allied Olympics" athletic meeting which is being held in London on Saturday.

The Services, civil defence, and civilians will be represented among the entries which have been received from Belgians, Poles, Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Czechs and Englishmen.



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STUBBORN ROUND-THE-CLOCK FIGHTING GOING ON ON EASTERN FRONT

Slight Nazi Advances Are Recorded Between Kingisepp And Novograd

LONDON, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—Another 24 hours of stubborn fighting along a greater part of the eastern front has been marked by slight German advances in the sector between Kingisepp and Novograd, but with no result either spectacular or decisive, writes AN-
NALIST in a military commentary.

"The Russians are everywhere fighting with stubbornness and tenacity, and their morale seems completely unshaken by nearly two months of continuous strain. Whether the vigour of the German offensive is unimpaired after the same strain is known only to the German High Command and the German soldier, but it would be more than human nature for the ordinary infantryman to display the same zest for fighting, for he knows now that he is up against enemies as elusive as he is hard-hitting.

Despite the admitted efficiency of the German organisation, the growing strain of increasing distance and wear and tear must also be having a cumulative effect.

"Nothing new is reported in the Smolensk and Kiev sectors, and the German claims in the Ukraine do not carry one any further than what they asserted yesterday, namely that Russian bridgeheads west of the Dnieper were being assailed.

"It is significant that Russian aviation is still able to carry out raids on Berlin and Rumanian oil-fields in addition to co-operational work in spite of repeated German claims, not once but over and over again, to have established complete supremacy in the air."

COLOURFUL CLAIMS

The German High Command from the Fuehrer's headquarters reports: A battle has taken place in an area around and north of Gomel which ended in a heavy defeat for the Soviet forces.

Parts of seventeen divisions of riflemen, one mechanised division, two armoured divisions, five cavalry divisions and two airborne brigades have been defeated, annihilated or taken prisoner. In our hands have fallen 78,000 prisoners, 144 tanks, 700 guns and two armoured trains.

GIGANTIC STRUGGLE

MOSCOW, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—The gigantic nature of the eastern struggle is best realisable when one considers that now the battle is raging not only on this or that sector but on half a dozen vital points simultaneously, writes Reuter's Special correspondent.

The most vital and may be the most critical battle is still raging inside the Dnieper bend behind Nikolayev and Krivoyrog. But their unfortunate Smolensk experience seems to have taught the Germans to adopt somewhat different tactics and to use their great mobility—mobility which undoubtedly increased with more or less successful consolidation of their communications—to strike here, there and everywhere not necessarily with any precise immediate objective but to impose on the Russians the necessity to move their troops about.

The battle along this vast area from the Gulf of Finland to the Black Sea may be described as a desperate German attempt to prevent that stabilisation at which the Russians aim.

Whether the Gomel drive is ultimately intended to lend support to the German troops in the Smolensk sector or on the contrary for the southward drive along the left bank of the Dnieper remains to be seen, but it is anyway part of the "all over the place" tactics the Germans are trying out, that is to say, an attempt to prevent effective concentration of the front.

BIG OFFENSIVE

The Germans instead hope to disseminate of the Russian defence. A big German offensive is thus clearly in progress.

The Germans are now fighting on a considerably straighter line than some days ago. It runs roughly straight from the Gulf of Finland to Smolensk with an eastward pocket to Novograd. South from Smolensk, the Germans are clearly trying to follow roughly a line along the Dnieper and for that purpose are attempting to absorb the Russian pocket west of Gomel. Once established along the greater length of the Dnieper, the

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

BOMBAY, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—For six days this month no bread was sold in Japan, butter and ghee are available only in most limited quantities and at a stiff price, while there is already rationing of rice and bread, according to an Indian who arrived here yesterday from Japan on board the Hakone Maru. Forty other Indian passengers also arrived on the same boat.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—The Military Academy at Baghdad will be reopened by the Iraqi Government, according to a message received here.

BOMBAY, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—The Bombay Air Gifts Fund has so far remitted £150,000 to the Ministry for Aircraft Production.

DAMASCUS, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—The value of the Palestine Pound has been fixed in Syrian money at 88.3 piastres and 125 centimes by the Director-General of Economic Services. It recently had been over 10 Syrian Pounds in the open market.

BOMBAY, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—Vallabhi Patel, chief lieutenant of Gandhi, has been released from Poona Gaol on medical grounds.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt will be the week-end host of the Duke of Kent at Hyde Park whether the President is going today. Returning with President Roosevelt in Washington on Monday, the Duke of Kent will stay at White House and will then inspect defence plants in Norfolk and Baltimore.

Victory Will Be Gained Through Air

MONTREAL, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—"A road to victory must be blazed through the air. Men who open that road and journey along it must be the best, bravest and brainiest of this and other Commonwealth of Nations."

Thus the Canadian Air Minister, Mr. C. G. Power, referred to the Empire Training Scheme in a speech at a luncheon in Montreal. Without giving figures, Mr. Power said: "It has been found that given the originally planned number of schools, aircraft and staff, we can produce a 30 per cent. higher output than originally anticipated."

(When the plan was first announced in autumn, 1939, it was unofficially estimated that the output might be 25,000 airmen a year.)

GIGANTIC ENTERPRISE

Mr. Power described the plan as the "most gigantic enterprise ever attempted by a people with a population of 12,000,000" and declared that a thousand Canadian airmen were overseas now and "many times more" would be sent overseas before the war was ended. "Canada's share of the air war is a heavy one. Our people's burden will be greater as more crews of Canadian youth come forward to be trained to blast their way to victory."

CHINA SEVERS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH DENMARK

CHUNGKING, Aug. 21 (Central).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued a declaration yesterday, severing diplomatic relations with Denmark for her recognition of the bogus Nanking regime and "Manchukuo."

Dr. Quo's declaration reads: "Following the footsteps and presumably under the pressure of Germany and her partners, Denmark recognized the puppet regimes in Nanking and the four North-eastern provinces. In taking this unjustified step Denmark has not only been to the detriment of her own interests but also to the detriment of the friendship of long standing with China. The Chinese Government in line with its fixed policy here and declares that diplomatic relations between this country and Denmark are forthwith severed."

Moscow Three-Power Talk To Discuss Best Means To Expedite All Aid To Soviet

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The main issue before the anti-Axis front is to get help to Soviet Russia in the fullest possible measure with the least possible delay, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

This was one of the principal subjects discussed at the historic meeting in the Atlantic between Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt, and it will be the task of the Three-Power meeting shortly to be held in Moscow to tackle the task from a practical and businesslike standpoint.

The fact that no announcement has yet been made regarding the British and American representatives who are to attend the meeting would seem to confirm the belief that Lord Beaverbrook will be the principal British delegate as soon as he can leave his "hustle" campaign in America. His vigorous energetic personality will undoubtedly be exceptionally well adapted for dealing with special problems of supply and distribution involved. As the discussions will be practically confined to questions of material and supply, it is not likely that any but service representatives will be present.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

It is understood that the American representative will be Mr. Averell Harriman, who has been helping forward the working of the Lease-Lend Act so far as it concerns Britain.

Already there are indications of speeding up of American supplies to Russia in the suggestion that American bombers should be flown from Alaska to Siberia and by long stages to the eastern front.

This would not only save days in transportation but the planes would arrive tuned in for immediate service. The effect of this contribution to the Russian air offensive is too patent to need emphasis.

AMERICAN LOAN?

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Jesse Jones, the Federal Loan Administrator, stated that he was ready to lend money to Russia to finance war purchases in the United States.

Mr. Jones told reporters: "If the administration policy is to help Russia and she is unable to pay cash, I think we can find some way to help. I think that it would be a loan rather than Lease."

He said that Russia had not applied formally for a loan but apparently has hinted.

BRITISH, DUTCH EMPIRES

Community Of Interest Stressed By Minister

LONDON, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—The community of interest between the British and Netherlands Empires was the theme of an address given by Dr. J. M. Welter, the Netherlands Minister for the Colonies, at a luncheon in London to Lord Moyne, the British Colonial Minister.

Dr. Welter said: "It is as well that we two great colonial Powers should stand together and face the future shoulder to shoulder, for it is a sure thing that even our well-tempered experience in colonial affairs and our resourcefulness will be severely taxed by the exigencies of post-war economic and other problems which are bound to follow in the wake of this world-wide conflict."

"We cannot at this juncture even anticipate the extent of the exact nature of these problems, but in my opinion no two nations could be better fitted for the task of solving them than ours. Our traditions, our sense of moderation, our code for what is fair and reasonable and our capacity to 'live and let live' have in the past made us the guardians of extensive territories and have fitted us for the position of leading millions of our fellow-men to a better and more enlightened future."

FUTURE OF EIRE AT STAKE

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Frank McDermott, Eire Senator, who arrived here by Clipper, declared that it was essential for the future of Ireland that Britain should not be defeated. He added: "Lack of air and naval bases in Ireland might and must make a difference between victory and defeat for Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic."

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

GAMBLER FINED

Charged with keeping a common gaming house for Tse Tam lottery at No. 90, First Street, ground floor, on Aug. 20, Li Luk, 17, unemployed, was fined \$75 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C., yesterday.

Insp. Byron, prosecuting, stated that the above premises were raided on a warrant and \$5.63 in money was picked up.

JUVENILE REMANDED

Appearing before Mr. Sheldon on a charge of keeping a common gaming house for Tse Tam at No. 15, Shing Wo Road, an 11-year-old boy was remanded for seven days.

Det.-Sgt. V.M. Morrison is in charge of the case.

A 13-year-old girl had her bail of \$50 estreated when she failed to appear on a similar charge.

Insp. Byron prosecuted.

STOLE COAL

Charged with larceny of 65 cwt. of coal valued at \$3 at Jardine's Godown in Great George Street, property of Leung Wah, office boy at the above place, on Aug. 20, Ho Chiu, 31, coolie, was convicted and fined \$10 or three weeks by Mr. Sheldon.

Det.-Sgt. V.M. Morrison prosecuted.

EIGHTH CONVICTION

With seven previous convictions, Fong Ngau-tsai, 30, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon when he was convicted on the charge of larceny of one copper rice boiler, valued at \$6, from the kitchen of No. 170, Hennessy Road, ground floor, property of Fung Po, 30, accountant of the above address.

Det.-Sgt. V.M. Morrison prosecuted.

TSE FA AGAIN

Three persons appeared before Mr. Sheldon and were fined \$200 or three months' each when they were charged with keeping a common gaming house for Tse Fa at No. 32 Hau Wo Street, first floor, on Aug. 20.

Insp. Byron asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case as the place was used as a collect-

ing depot. The sum of \$50 was picked up.

Accused were Li Kau, 40, unemployed, Ho Wai, 61, tinsmith, and Kong In-nam, 22, unemployed, and they pleaded guilty.

POSSESSION OF WARD

On bail of \$50, Wong Tin, 28, married woman, appeared before Mr. Sheldon on two counts of possession of a ward and failing to give notice.

Insp. Fraser of the S.C.A. stated that the case came to their notice as the result of an anonymous letter received by the S.C.A.

Defendant was fined \$40 on both charges.

TOY PISTOL FOUND

Two unemployed, Tsang Man, 28, and Lau Chan-fuk, 19, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday when they were charged with possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose, and also with conspiracy.

First accused was found in possession of a toy pistol and the second in possession of a knife.

On Aug. 18, while both accused were in Hillier Street, they were searched by Detective Cheung Wong-kan.

First accused was sentenced to two months' hard labour while second, who had a previous conviction, was given three months' hard labour.

FINE OF \$1,000

A fine of \$1,000 was imposed on Chan Bun-hin, 25, of an import and export firm at No. 24, Ko Shing Street, second floor, by Mr. Lowry yesterday for unlawfully using an export permit, issued to another person, Choi To-tin, for the purpose of exporting 10,000 gunny sacks to Tientsin on board a British steamer.

Det.-Sgt. Johnston, of the Special Branch, prosecuting, stated that the matter came to light as the result of a letter being intercepted.

STOLE MEDICINE

For larceny of a quantity of ginseng, Chinese medicine, valued at \$35, from a postal packet, Leung Tin, 39 and Leung Cheung, 27, were each sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry. Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

YOUTHFUL SNATCHER

Although only 18 years old, Ip Kwan was able to boast of three previous convictions when he appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday charged with having snatched a wrist-watch, valued at \$32.50, from Wan King-man, spinster, in Nathan Road, on Wednesday.

Remarking that "there is far too much of this snatching going on," his Worship sentenced accused to nine months' hard labour to be followed by banishment.

Sgt. J. G. Whitcroft prosecuted.

FRUITERER FINED

For a breach of the Early Closing Hours Ordinance, by selling fruits to a man and a woman at 3 a.m. on July 25, Hui Kam of No. 51, Woosung Street, ground floor, was fined \$120 when he appeared before Mr. Macnamara.

Sgt. J. G. Whitcroft prosecuted.

LARCENY BY SERVANT

When To Sang, master of the Wah On Cardboard Factory at No. 1186, Canton Road, went to bed at 11 p.m. on June 24, he placed \$223 in a box, but when he woke up the next morning he found that the money and one of his forks, Li Hon by name, have vanished into the unknown.

Nothing further was heard about the matter until Tuesday, Aug. 19, when To Sang happened to be in Yau-mat. And so was Li Hon. The result of this unexpected meeting was the appearance of the erstwhile fork before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson charged with the theft of the money which, so Li stated, had been lost in gambling.

For the next three months, Li will not have to worry where he could obtain more money to gamble with for during that period he will be an inmate of Stanley Gaol.

FIREWOOD PROFITEERS

The determination of the Stores Controller to stamp out what is commonly referred to as "the black market" in firewood was further demonstrated by the appearance

ACADEMY SENSATION

Recalled By Death Of An Artist

The death took place recently at Middleton-in-Teesdale, Co. Durham, of Mr. Reginald Grenville Eves, R.A., aged 65.

Ten years ago Mr. Eves figured in one of the greatest sensations in the history of the Royal Academy.

Three of his pictures, which were hung, were found to be photographs painted over. They were subsequently withdrawn and returned to him.

The revelation was made when the same year Mr. Eves's name was put forward for election as an associate.

Mr. Eves explained at the time that he was in danger of losing the use of his arm through neuritis.

He sought the aid of a photographic background to simplify his task, not knowing that he was infringing the Academy rule.

Two years later he was elected an associate, and in 1939 elected an Academician.

before Mr. Anderson of two firewood dealers charged with selling wood without the permission of the Stores Controller and with selling at a higher price than that fixed by Government.

In the first case, Li Yip was alleged to have sold firewood at 37 cwt. for a dollar on Aug. 20 in Canton Road, while, in the second case, Yam Pun only gave 28½ cwt. for \$1.

Both defendants were fined \$250, or one month's hard labour, each.

MARINE COURT

Fines of \$10, in default seven days' hard labour, were imposed by Cmdr. T. C. Stiff on Wu Ka-so, 41, and Cheung Ka-so, 43, mistresses of two boats, charged with having lain with their craft inshore less than a 100 yards distant from the low-water mark at the seawall of the Luen Cheung Wharf about 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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TAKE-IT-EASY SQUAD

Giving evidence at Marlborough-street against the foreman of a demolition squad of eight men, Det. Price told the magistrate that during the 24 hours he was keeping observation where the men were employed the only work he saw done was about 15 bricks moved a distance of about 4ft.

William George Amer, 28, the foreman, who lives at Montague-road, Southall, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for stealing an imitation pearl handbag and other articles of little value from bombed premises, and Reginald Jimpson, 31, a member of the squad, who stole two mesh bags and a dress belt from the same premises, was sentenced to

BARE LEGS

There are many employers who insist on their girls and staffs wearing stockings even in summer and in seaside towns where it is the usual custom to go stock- ingless. These old-fashioned prejudices are detrimental to the war effort. Women with limited means and coupons must save their stockings to wear in the winter, writes I. M. W. Beverley in the Overseas Daily Mail.

three months. Amer, it was stated, was paid £5 18s. a week, and Jimpson £4 8s.

Mr. Sandbach, the magistrate, remarked that they were not only dishonest but idle.

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